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RE: **DOCKET NO. 221** - Algonquin Gas Transmission Company and Islander East Company, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a proposed new compressor station near East Johnson Avenue, Cheshire, Connecticut; a proposed new meter station adjacent to 67 Laydon Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut; and a new 24-inch diameter gas pipeline from the proposed North Haven meter station to Branford across Long Island Sound to the New York State line.

Dear Attorney Fitzgerald:

On August 1, 2002, the Connecticut Siting Council (Council) issued recommendations, in the above-referenced proceeding, to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relating to recommendations that specify the preferred route, construction procedures, and environmental mitigation measures that will minimize and mitigate, to the fullest extent possible, adverse effects on the environment, and protect the citizens of the State of Connecticut. Through this action the Council sought to make clear its understanding that approval authority for such interstate natural gas transmission projects exists at the federal level, specifically with the FERC, and that the role of the Council is to aid in the approval and siting process by providing meaningful input and recommendations on behalf of the citizens of Connecticut.

The Council exercised great care through its deliberations in this matter to choose language that did not state that this application was either "approved" or "disapproved" by the Council. As such, we feel compelled to advise you that your client's reference to the Council having issued an approval on page 25 of Islander East Initial Memorandum of Law as presented to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is factually incorrect and potentially misleading. We respectfully ask that the appropriate persons make note of this and exercise care in future correspondence to more correctly reflect our actions in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,

Pamela B. Katz, P.E.
Chairman

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